

IOWA			OHIO		
Blum	Loeb sack		Beatty	Jordan	Stivers
King	Young		Chabot	Joyce	Tiberi
KANSAS			Davidson	Kaptur	Turner
Jenkins	Pompeo		Fudge	Latta	Wenstrup
Marshall	Yoder		Gibbs	Renacci	
KENTUCKY			Johnson	Ryan	
LOUISIANA			OKLAHOMA		
Barr	Guthrie	Rogers	Bridenstine	Lucas	Russell
Comer	Massie	Yarmuth	Cole	Mullin	
MAINE			OREGON		
Abraham	Higgins	Richmond	Blumenauer	DeFazio	
Graves	Johnson	Scalise	Bonamici	Walden	
MARYLAND			PENNSYLVANIA		
Pingree		Poliquin	Barletta	Doyle, Michael	Murphy
MASSACHUSETTS			Boyle, Brendan	F.	Perry
Brown	Harris	Ruppersberger	F.	Evans	Rothfus
Cummings	Hoyer	Sarbanes	Brady	Fitzpatrick	Shuster
Delaney	Raskin		Cartwright	Kelly	Smucker
MICHIGAN			Costello	Marino	Thompson
Capuano	Kennedy	Moulton	Dent	Meehan	
Clark	Lynch	Neal	RHODE ISLAND		
Keating	McGovern	Tsongas	Cicilline	Langevin	
MINNESOTA			SOUTH CAROLINA		
Amash	Huizenga	Moolenaar	Clyburn	Mulvaney	Wilson (SC)
Bergman	Kildee	Trott	Duncan (SC)	Rice (SC)	
Bishop	Lawrence	Upton	Gowdy	Sanford	
Conyers	Levin	Walberg	SOUTH DAKOTA		
Dingell	Mitchell		Noem		
MISSISSIPPI			TENNESSEE		
Ellison	McCollum	Peterson	Cooper	Fleischmann	
Emmer	Nolan	Walz	DesJarlais	Kustoff (TN)	
Lewis	Paulsen		Duncan (TN)	Roe (TN)	
MISSOURI			TEXAS		
Harper	Palazzo		Arrington	Flores	McCaul
Kelly	Thompson		Babin	Gohmert	Olson
MONTANA			Barton	Gonzalez	O'Rourke
Clay	Hartzler	Smith	Brady	Granger	Poe
Cleaver	Long	Wagner	Burgess	Green, Al	Ratcliffe
Graves	Luetkemeyer		Carter	Green, Gene	Sessions
NEBRASKA			Castro	Hensarling	Smith
Bacon	Zinke		Conaway	Hurd	Thornberry
NEVADA			Cuellar	Jackson Lee	Veasey
Amodei	Fortenberry	Smith	Culberson	Johnson, E.B.	Vela
Kihuen	Rosen		Doggett	Johnson, Sam	Weber
NEW HAMPSHIRE			Farenthold	Marchant	Williams
Kuster	Titus		UTAH		
NEW JERSEY			Bishop	Love	
Frelinghuysen	Shea-Porter		Chaffetz	Stewart	
Gottheimer			VERMONT		
Lance			Welch		
LoBiondo			VIRGINIA		
NEW MEXICO			Garrett	Scott	
Luján, Ben Ray	MacArthur	Payne	Goodlatte	Taylor	
Lujan Grisham, M.	Norcross	Sires	Griffith	Wittman	
NEW YORK			McEachin		
Clarke	Pallone	Smith (NJ)	WASHINGTON		
Collins	Pascrell	Watson Coleman	Kilmer	Newhouse	
Crowley			Larsen	Reichert	
Donovan			McMorris	Smith	
Engel			Rodgers		
Esparillat			WEST VIRGINIA		
Faso			McKinley	Mooney	
Higgins			WISCONSIN		
Jeffries			Kind	Ryan	
Katko			Moore	Sensenbrenner	
NORTH CAROLINA			Pocan		
Adams			WYOMING		
Budd			Cheney		
Butterfield			ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CLERK		
Foxx			The CLERK. Credentials, regular in		
Holding			form, have been received showing the		
NORTH DAKOTA			election of:		
Cramer			The Honorable JENNIFFER GONZALEZ-		
			COLON as Resident Commissioner from		
			the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for		
			a term of 4 years beginning January 3,		
			2017;		
			The Honorable ELEANOR HOLMES		
			NORTON as Delegate from the District		
			of Columbia;		
			The Honorable MADELEINE Z.		
			BORDALLO as Delegate from Guam;		
			The Honorable STACEY E. PLASKETT		
			as Delegate from the Virgin Islands;		
			The Honorable AMATA COLEMAN		
			RADEWAGEN as Delegate from American		
			Samoa; and		
			The Honorable GREGORIO SABLAN as		
			Delegate from the Commonwealth of		
			the Northern Mariana Islands.		
			ELECTION OF SPEAKER		
			The CLERK. Pursuant to law and		
			precedent, the next order of business is		
			the election of the Speaker of the		
			House of Representatives for the 115th		
			Congress.		
			Nominations are now in order.		
			The Clerk recognizes the gentle-		
			woman from Washington (Mrs. MCMOR-		
			RIS RODGERS).		
			Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Whether		
			you are from the Evergreen State or		
			the Badger State, we gather here on		
			the House floor representing very di-		
			verse backgrounds and walks of life.		
			This House, the people's House, the		
			center of our government, is where		
			views and beliefs of millions are rep-		
			resented, where ideas are considered,		
			debated, and crafted into laws. No one		
			understands this better than our		
			Speaker of the House, PAUL RYAN. He		
			truly is the people's Speaker because		
			he understands the responsibility given		
			to this body by our Founders.		
			It is our responsibility to protect the		
			Constitution and the balance of power		
			so that representative government, the		
			rule of law, and equal opportunity for		
			all is protected here in this Chamber		
			by the people and for the people.		
			Just over a year ago, when he picked		
			up that gavel, Speaker RYAN chal-		
			lenged us to raise our gaze, to respect		
			this institution and open up the legis-		
			lative process which best represents		
			the will of the people, to be account-		
			able to the people we represent, to be		
			men and women of integrity, to serve		
			our country with a sense of purpose,		
			and to empower everyone to reach		
			their full potential.		
			Speaker RYAN knows that the		
			healthy competition of ideas between		
			our passionate and talented Members is		
			an asset of representative government.		
			As Speaker, PAUL RYAN made a com-		
			mitment to getting this institution		
			working, and as a result, we have had		
			more conference committees and more		
			bipartisan achievements. He put this		
			majority to work on bold policy solu-		
			tions that united us. Under his leader-		
			ship, this think tank of ideas was able		

The CLERK. Four hundred thirty-four Representatives-elect have recorded their presence. A quorum is present.

to find common ground without compromising conservative principles.

Together, after crisscrossing our districts and listening to Americans of all walks of life, we developed A Better Way, our vision for a confident America—policies that solve the biggest challenges of our time; policies that trust people, not the government, to make their own decisions and pursue their own dreams.

As Speaker RYAN said the day he was called upon for this role, “Nothing could be more inspiring than a job well done. Nothing could stir the heart more than real, concrete results.”

In this critical moment in our Nation’s history, as our unified Republican government begins to take its place, we have an opportunity to think big, to reimagine our government from the top to the bottom, and to put the people back at the center of it. It is a time to act with a sense of purpose to rebuild the American idea and reclaim the people’s voice.

There is no one better to lead the people’s House in that calling than PAUL D. RYAN.

But through all of it, the man from Janesville never forgets where he came from and who he works for. He insists on calling his constituents his “employers.” He insists on all of us calling him “PAUL.” But make no mistake, today and every day we are honored to call him “Mr. Speaker.”

As chair of the Republican Conference, I am directed by the vote of that conference to present for election to the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 115th Congress the name of the Honorable PAUL D. RYAN, a Representative-elect from the State of Wisconsin.

The CLERK. The Clerk now recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY).

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Clerk, first I would like to welcome back the gentleman from Washington State (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS) and her family, as well as welcome all of our colleagues and their families to this new session of Congress.

Madam Clerk, as chair of the House Democratic Caucus, I have the honor of nominating the gentlewoman from California, Representative-elect NANCY PELOSI, as our candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Madam Clerk, it is well known on both sides of the aisle and in both Chambers that NANCY PELOSI will never be outworked, outmaneuvered, or outsmarted.

Under her leadership, America has made tremendous advancements. During her tenure as Speaker of the House, she successfully oversaw the rescue of the auto industry, saving over 1 million good-paying American manufacturing jobs. She was our captain when we ushered into law the Affordable Care Act, which has extended healthcare insurance to 20 million Americans and counting.

But, Madam Clerk, she didn’t stop there. She led the charge to enact Wall

Street reform legislation to end taxpayer bailouts for big banks.

But I know this, Madam Clerk, history will show that NANCY PELOSI’s greatest victories will have been fought and won far beyond her Speakership. A vote for NANCY PELOSI is a vote to ensure that Congress does not undo the progress we have made over the last 8 years: a vote to ensure that health insurance companies do not go back to controlling Americans’ healthcare choices, a vote to ensure Wall Street does not once again gamble away the economic future of Main Street, a vote to ensure we do not leave markets to police themselves.

My friends, we cannot turn back the clock, and any attempt to do so will have to go through not just all of us on this side of the aisle, but through NANCY PELOSI. I assure you, I know that is no small task.

So, in the name of fighting for our core principles and advancing the issues American workers and their families care about, and because the people’s House should be ethical, accountable, and open to free debate, Madam Clerk, I am pleased to put forth the name of the Representative-elect from California, NANCY PELOSI, for Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.

□ 1245

The CLERK. The names of the Honorable PAUL D. RYAN, a Representative-elect from the State of Wisconsin, and the Honorable NANCY PELOSI, a Representative-elect from the State of California, have been placed in nomination.

Are there further nominations?

There being no further nominations, the Clerk appoints the following tellers:

The gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. HARPER);

The gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRADY);

The gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR); and

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN).

The tellers will come forward and take their seats at the desk in front of the Speaker’s rostrum.

The roll will now be called, and those responding to their names will indicate by surname the nominee of their choosing.

The Reading Clerk will now call the roll.

The tellers having taken their places, the House proceeded to vote for the Speaker.

The following is the result of the vote:

[Roll No. 2]  
RYAN (WI)—239

Abraham  
Aderholt  
Allen  
Amash  
Amodei  
Arrington  
Babin

Bacon  
Banks (IN)  
Barletta  
Barr  
Barton  
Bergman  
Beutler

Biggs  
Billrakis  
Bishop (MI)  
Bishop (UT)  
Black  
Blackburn  
Blum

Bost  
Brady (TX)  
Brat  
Bridenstine  
Brooks (AL)  
Brooks (IN)  
Buchanan  
Buck  
Bucshon  
Budd  
Burgess  
Byrne  
Calvert  
Carter (GA)  
Carter (TX)  
Chabot  
Chaffetz  
Cheney  
Coffman  
Cole  
Collins (GA)  
Collins (NY)  
Comer  
Comstock  
Conaway  
Cook  
Costello (PA)  
Cramer  
Crawford  
Culberson  
Curbelo (FL)  
Davidson  
Davis, Rodney  
Denham  
Dent  
DeSantis  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Donovan  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Duncan (TN)  
Dunn  
Emmer  
Farenthold  
Faso  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Flores  
Fortenberry  
Fox  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gaetz  
Gallagher  
Garrett  
Gibbs  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Gosar  
Gowdy  
Granger  
Graves (GA)  
Graves (LA)  
Graves (MO)  
Griffith  
Grothman  
Guthrie  
Harper  
Harris  
Hartzer  
Hensarling  
Hice, Jody B.

Higgins (LA)  
Hill  
Holding  
Hollingsworth  
Hudson  
Huizenga  
Hultgren  
Hunter  
Hurd  
Issa  
Jenkins (KS)  
Jenkins (WV)  
Johnson (LA)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan  
Joyce (OH)  
Katko  
Kelly (MS)  
Kelly (PA)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kinzinger  
Knight  
Kustoff (TN)  
Labrador  
LaHood  
LaMalfa  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Latta  
Lewis (MN)  
LoBiondo  
Long  
Loudermilk  
Love  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
MacArthur  
Marchant  
Marino  
Marshall  
Mast  
McCarthy  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McHenry  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McSally  
Meadows  
Meehan  
Messer  
Mitchell  
Moolenaar  
Mooney (WV)  
Mullin  
Mulvaney  
Murphy (PA)  
Newhouse  
Noem  
Nunes  
Olson  
Palazzo  
Palmer  
Paulsen  
Pearce  
Perry  
Pittenger  
Poe (TX)  
Poliquin  
Pompeo

Posey  
Price, Tom (GA)  
Ratcliffe  
Reed  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Rice (SC)  
Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Rokita  
Rooney, Francis  
Rooney, Thomas J.  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothfus  
Rouzer  
Royce (CA)  
Russell  
Rutherford  
Sanford  
Scalise  
Schweikert  
Scott, Austin  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (MO)  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smucker  
Stefanik  
Stewart  
Stivers  
Taylor  
Tenney  
Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Trott  
Turner  
Upton  
Valadao  
Wagner  
Walberg  
Walden  
Walker  
Walorski  
Walters, Mimi  
Weber (TX)  
Webster (FL)  
Wenstrup  
Westerman  
Williams  
Wilson (SC)  
Wittman  
Womack  
Woodall  
Yoder  
Yoho  
Young (AK)  
Young (IA)  
Zeldin  
Zinke

PELOSI—189

Adams  
Aguilar  
Barragán  
Bass  
Beatty  
Becerra  
Bera  
Beyer  
Bishop (GA)  
Blumenauer  
Blunt Rochester  
Bonamici  
Boyle, Brendan F.  
Brady (PA)  
Brown (MD)  
Brownley (CA)  
Bustos  
Butterfield  
Capuano  
Carbajal  
Cárdenas  
Carson (IN)

Cartwright  
Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chu, Judy  
Cicilline  
Clark (MA)  
Clarke (NY)  
Clay  
Cleaver  
Clyburn  
Cohen  
Connolly  
Conyers  
Correa  
Costa  
Courtney  
Crist  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
Davis, Danny  
DeFazio

DeGette  
Delaney  
DeLauro  
DeBene  
Demings  
DeSaulnier  
Deutch  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Doyle, Michael F.  
Ellison  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Español  
Esty  
Evans  
Foster  
Frankel (FL)  
Fudge  
Gabbard  
Gallego  
Garamendi

Gonzalez (TX) Lujan Grisham, Ruppersberger  
 Gottheimer M. Rush  
 Green, Al Luján, Ben Ray Ryan (OH)  
 Green, Gene Lynch Sánchez  
 Grijalva Maloney Sarbanes  
 Gutiérrez Carolyn B. Schakowsky  
 Hanabusa Maloney, Sean Schiff  
 Hastings Matsui Schneider  
 Heck McCollum Scott (VA)  
 Higgins (NY) McEachin Scott, David  
 Himes McGovern Serrano  
 Hoyer McNerney Sewell (AL)  
 Huffman Meeks Shea-Porter  
 Jackson Lee Meng Sherman  
 Jayapal Moore Sires  
 Jeffries Moulton Slaughter  
 Johnson (GA) Murphy (FL) Smith (WA)  
 Johnson, E. B. Nadler Soto  
 Kaptur Napolitano Speier  
 Keating Neal Suozzi  
 Kelly (IL) Nolan Swalwell (CA)  
 Kennedy Norcross Takano  
 Khanna O'Halleran Thompson (CA)  
 Kihuen O'Rourke Thompson (MS)  
 Kildee Pallone Titus  
 Kilmer Panetta Tonko  
 Krishnamoorthi Pascrell Torres  
 Kuster (NH) Payne Tsongas  
 Langevin Pelosi Vargas  
 Larsen (WA) Perlmutter Veasey  
 Larson (CT) Peters Vela  
 Lawrence Peterson Velázquez  
 Lawson (FL) Pingree Visclosky  
 Lee Pocan Walz  
 Levin Polis Wasserman  
 Lewis (GA) Price (NC) Schultz  
 Lieu, Ted Quigley Waters, Maxine  
 Lipinski Raskin Watson Coleman  
 Loeb sack Richmond Welch  
 Lofgren Rosen Wilson (FL)  
 Lowenthal Roybal-Allard Yarmuth  
 Lowey Ruiz

RYAN (OH)—2

Cooper Rice (NY)

WEBSTER (FL)—1

Massie

COOPER—1

Kind

LEWIS (GA)—1

Sinema

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—0

POTS VOTING—2

Ryan (WI) Schrader

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. PLASKETT (during the roll call). Madam Clerk, parliamentary inquiry.

The CLERK. The gentlewoman will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Clerk, I rise because neither my name nor the names of the five Representatives of the separate territories, duly elected by collectively 4 million Americans, our names were not called, and I ask as a parliamentary inquiry as to why not at this time at this juncture in the United States that the territories do not have a voice on this floor?

The CLERK. As the Clerk advised on January 6, 1999, Representatives-elect are the only individuals qualified to vote in the election of the Speaker.

□ 1404

The CLERK. The tellers agree in their tallies that the total number of votes cast is 433, of which the Honorable PAUL D. RYAN of the State of Wisconsin has received 239, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI of the State of California has received 189, the Honorable TIM RYAN of the State of Ohio has received 2, the Honorable JIM COOPER of the State of Tennessee has received 1, the Honorable JOHN LEWIS of the State of

Georgia has received 1, and the Honorable DANIEL WEBSTER of the State of Florida has received 1.

Therefore, the Honorable PAUL D. RYAN of the State of Wisconsin, having received a majority of the votes cast, is duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the 115th Congress.

The Clerk appoints the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair:

The gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY)

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI)

The gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE)

The gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER)

The gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS)

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. CLYBURN)

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. STIVERS)

The gentlemen from New York (Mr. CROWLEY)

The gentleman from Indiana (Mr. MESSER)

The gentlewoman from California (Ms. SÁNCHEZ)

The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS)

The gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN)

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH)

The gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAULO)

The gentlewoman from California (Mrs. MIMI WALTERS)

The gentleman from California (Mr. SWALWELL)

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MITCHELL)

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN)

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS)

The gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY)

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY)

And the Members of the Wisconsin delegation:

Mr. SENSENBRENNER

Mr. KIND

Ms. MOORE

Mr. DUFFY

Mr. POCAN

Mr. GROTHMAN, and

Mr. GALLAGHER

The committee will retire from the Chamber to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

The Sergeant at Arms announced the Speaker-elect of the House of Representatives of the 115th Congress, who was escorted to the chair by the Committee of Escort.

Ms. PELOSI. It is my honor to join Speaker RYAN in welcoming all of you to the 115th Congress.

To new Members and your families, in this special moment I offer a special greeting and special congratulations. Each of us comes here sustained by the love of our own family and the trust of our constituents.

I am grateful to my husband, Paul; our five children; nine grandchildren; and my D'Alesandro family, especially

our patriarch, my brother, Thomas D'Alesandro III.

To the people of San Francisco, thank you once again for the privilege of representing our beautiful and diverse city.

In a brief span of days, we will inaugurate a new President, Donald Trump, and a new Vice President, our former colleague, MIKE PENCE. At that noon hour, we will enact the peaceful transfer of power that is the bedrock of our Republic.

For 8 years, our country has been graced by the trailblazing leadership and dignity of President Obama and Michelle Obama. At their side have been Vice President and Dr. Jill Biden. Let us give the Obamas, the Bidens, and their families our thanks for all that they have given America.

Today, as we celebrate the renewal of our democracy, let us pay tribute to the men and women in uniform—those who served or have served—and their families, whose sacrifice and bravery are guarantors of our democracy. Let us thank our men and women in uniform.

In this Chamber, we stand at the very heart of the American experiment. Every time each of us steps onto the floor, we carry with us the hopes and the hurts of those who have sent us here.

We surely have distinct political identities as Republicans and Democrats, but above all, we are all Americans. Here, we have the responsibility and the power to lift the lives and the hopes of the American people.

Our first responsibility is to secure the Nation, embodied in the oath we take to support and defend. We must be strong and smart in defending our land, defeating terrorists, and advancing our vital interests in a world of promise and peril. America's actions must always be equal to America's values, honoring our Constitution and respecting our men and women in uniform.

Another responsibility is to further secure our economy and truly secure opportunity for hardworking families. We in this Congress must focus on job creation and growing paychecks every day for everyone and everywhere in our country. From the rural heartlands, the cities, and the suburbs, we must ensure that those who do their part have the opportunity to buy a home, address the aspirations of their children, and retire with dignity.

Our responsibility is also to secure our democracy. Our Founders pledged their sacred honor to create a democracy; a government of the many, not a government of the money. Now our sacred trust is to keep that covenant. We cannot permit our democracy to be suborned by the checkbooks of the powerful or to be subverted by the dark operations of a foreign regime.

All of us cherish our ideals. We do have our differences, and they are real,

but I hope that we will each be humble enough to accept the good faith of others. I hope, too, that we will find wisdom from the Scriptures. It says to minister to the needs of God's creation, humanity, and nature is an act of worship. To ignore those needs is to dishonor the God who made us.

In that spirit, in order to meet the needs of the American people, House Democrats pledge to seek common ground wherever we can to forge a bipartisan path forward on job-creating infrastructure, make taxes and foreign trade fair to American workers, help Americans balance work and family life, and to drain the swamp of Big Money from our campaigns.

All of these provisions President-elect Trump has pledged, and we will seek common ground, but we will stand our ground wherever in good conscience we must. If there is an attempt to destroy the guarantee of Medicare, harm Medicaid, Social Security, or the Affordable Care Act, Democrats will stand our ground.

If there is an assault on clean air and clean water, civil rights, women's rights, or LGBT rights, if DREAMers and their immigrant families face the nightmare of deportation, Democrats will stand our ground. If there is an attempt to silence our voices for commonsense gun violence prevention, with Gabby Giffords here in the Chamber as our witness, Democrats will stand our ground.

Many of us just celebrated Christmas, the birth of Christ. Sharing in our humanity, God enabled us to participate in his divinity. This spark of divinity is acknowledged in every faith tradition. In recognizing the spark in others, we reaffirm it in ourselves. Honoring that spark of divinity, we are commanded to respect the dignity and worth of all of God's children and to work together for the common good.

In that spirit, I offer my congratulations to the Speaker of this new Congress, a proud son of Wisconsin, PAUL RYAN.

PAUL RYAN is a leader of principle, immersed in ideas and gifted with experience. As we all know, PAUL RYAN has had the full breadth of experience on Capitol Hill, from Tortilla Coast waiter to Hill staffer to Congressman. He went on to be a sincere and proud advocate for his point of view as chairman of the Budget Committee and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

In a place as demanding as the Speakership, I know he gathers strength daily from the family he loves so dearly, from his wife, Janna; his children, Liza, Charlie, and Sam; and their entire family.

Let us acknowledge the Ryan family.

□ 1415

Mr. Speaker, God bless them. God bless you. God bless Wisconsin. God bless the Members of this House. God bless the United States of America.

This is the people's House. This is the people's gavel. In the people's name, it

is my privilege to hand the gavel to the Speaker of the House, PAUL D. RYAN.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. I will be relatively brief. I want to thank Madam Leader. You know, I stood in this spot very, very many times. It, today, though, feels a whole lot different. Part of it has to do with all the new faces in the House. You look at all the proud spouses, these beaming children at their best, people's parents, it is hard, if not impossible, to resist this rush of enthusiasm.

There is no sense of foreboding in this House today. There is only the sense of potential. It kind of reminds you that, no matter how long you have been here, you haven't seen it all. So I just want to say to our new Members and to their families: Thank you, congratulations, and welcome.

To my own priest, Father Paul, thank you for being here with us today. I appreciate it.

And to my center, my family—Janna, Liza, Charlie, Sam—thank you for all that you have done to make this all possible. Thank you.

There is another reason for optimism, and that is what we have already achieved by meeting here this moment. Just months ago, our country held a great electoral contest, and at times it was a little intense. As you all know, when you are in the heat of it, in the heat of the kind of campaign we had, you start to wonder: Will the tempers ever cool? Will the system still hold? Does our old, rich tradition still have that magic? Well, it turns out it does.

The clash of opinions, the hue and cry of campaigns, the rancor and the dissension, in the end, they all dissolve in the silent and peaceful transfer of power. So, in just a few weeks' time, we will welcome a new President who offers us yet another new beginning, a new chance to work toward a more perfect Union.

For all of our arguments and all of our differences, we are all united by a deep, abiding love of our country. It is this slender but sturdy thread that holds us together. We always seem to forget this, but it has never failed us. That is why, when the votes are counted and the people have spoken, we all accept the verdict. We come back from the campaign trail, we pack up the yard signs, and today—today, as one body—we pledge allegiance to one flag: the red, the white, and the blue.

And that is not the only thing that we have in common. I don't care what your party is, find one person in this House who doesn't want the best for America. Find one person in this House who does not want to see help given to the unemployed or care for the sick or education for the young or honor our troops. Who here among us does not want to open wide the door to opportunity? Who here among us does not want every American, every creed, and every color to cross the threshold? You cannot find one person in this building—not one. And that, that is a true cause for celebration.

Now, we have a lot to build on; but that being said, this is no time to rest on our laurels, but to redouble our efforts. It is no secret that millions and millions of Americans across this country are deeply dissatisfied with their current situation. They have looked to Washington for leadership, and all they have gotten is condescension. For years, they have suffered quietly, quietly amid shuttered factories and shattered lives. But now, now they have let out a great roar. Now we, their elected representatives, must listen.

So I want to say to the American people: We hear you. We will do right by you, and we will deliver. We will honor you because you have honored us. We take this sacred trust seriously. It is not enough to say that the condition of your birth should not determine the outcome of your life, no matter how much we mean it.

In a few years' time, I hope that the people will say of this 115th Congress that we didn't just pay lip service to this beautiful American idea; we made it a reality for everyone. We are not here to be; we are here to do. We are here to improve people's lives, grow our economy, keep us safe, improve our health care and our infrastructure, fight poverty, and restore self-government.

Friends, we have got our work cut out for us. As your Speaker, I intend to keep this place running at full speed. When I came into this job, I pledged to restore regular order, get that committee system working again, hold regular House and Senate conferences, because only a fully functioning House can really, truly do the people's business.

We have made some pretty good progress on that front. Take our work on finding cures for deadly diseases or beating back that opioid epidemic or our work on mental health. These are all things that we should be very proud of. These efforts were directed by the committees and crafted by our Members—all through regular order. There is still a lot of work to do, like having a fully functioning appropriations process, for example.

So, to the minority, I want to say this: We have never shied away from our disagreements, and I do not expect anyone to do so now. But however bright of a contrast that we draw between us, it must never blind us to the common ground that we share. We must never shy away from making progress for the American people wherever we can. As your Speaker, I promise to uphold the rights of the minority. I promise to hear you out and let you have your say. If I had to sum up, it would be this: Agreement whenever possible but, at all times, respect.

And to the majority, especially to our returning Members, I want to say this: This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This is the kind of thing that most of us only dreamed about. I know because I used to dream about this a lot. The people have given us unified



government, and it wasn't because they were feeling generous. It was because they want results. How could we live with ourselves if we let them down? How could we let ourselves down?

I have, for many months, been asking our Members to raise their gaze and aim high. Now, today, this Congress, let us not be timid but, rather, reach for that brighter horizon and deliver. This old Chamber might look the same, but in the hushed whispers, in the whirl of activity, you can feel the winds of change. As I stand here next to that portrait of good old George Washington, I am reminded of a line from one of his favorite plays: "Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more . . . we'll deserve it."

My dear friends and colleagues, I say to all of you: Good luck and Godspeed. Thank you very much.

I am now ready to take the oath of office.

I ask the Dean of the House of Representatives, the Honorable JOHN CONYERS of Michigan, to administer the oath of office.

Mr. CONYERS then administered the oath of office to Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

(Applause, the Members rising.)

Mr. CONYERS. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

#### SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

The SPEAKER. According to precedent, the Chair will swear in the Members-elect en masse.

The Members-elect will rise and raise their right hands.

The Members-elect rose, and the Speaker administered the oath of office to them as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now Members of the 115th Congress.

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#### MAJORITY LEADER

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as majority leader the gentleman from California, the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY.

#### MINORITY LEADER

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as minority leader the

gentlewoman from California, the Honorable NANCY PELOSI.

#### MAJORITY WHIP

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, as chair of the Republican Conference, I am directed by that conference to notify the House officially that the Republican Members have selected as majority whip the gentleman from Louisiana, the Honorable STEVE SCALISE.

#### MINORITY WHIP AND ASSISTANT DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been directed to report to the House that the Democratic Members have selected as minority whip the gentleman from Maryland, the Honorable STENY HOYER, and as assistant Democratic leader, the gentleman from South Carolina, the Honorable JAMES CLYBURN.

#### ELECTING OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 1

*Resolved*, That Karen L. Haas of the State of Maryland be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Paul D. Irving of the State of Florida be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives;

That Philip George Kiko of the State of Ohio be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and

That Father Patrick J. Conroy of the State of Oregon be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. CROWLEY) for the purpose of offering an amendment.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the resolution, but before offering the amendment, I request that there be a division of the question on the resolution so that we may have a separate vote on the Chaplain.

The SPEAKER. The question will be divided.

The question is on agreeing to that portion of the resolution providing for the election of the Chaplain.

That portion of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. CROWLEY

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment to the remainder of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. CROWLEY:

That Robert D. Edmonson of the District of Columbia be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives;

That Wyndee Parker of the State of Maryland be, and is hereby, chosen Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives; and

That James Fleet of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby, chosen Chief

Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York.

The amendment was rejected.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the remainder of the resolution offered by the gentlewoman from Washington.

The remainder of the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now swear in the officers of the House.

The officers presented themselves in the well of the House and took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

#### SWEARING IN OF MEMBER-ELECT

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect please present herself in the well.

Mrs. Lawrence of Michigan appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 115th Congress.

#### TO INFORM THE SENATE THAT A QUORUM OF THE HOUSE HAS ASSEMBLED AND OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

#### H. RES. 2

*Resolved*, That the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that Paul D. Ryan, a Representative from the State of Wisconsin, has been elected Speaker; and that Karen L. Haas, a citizen of the State of Maryland, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.